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*Washington, DC* – Today, Congressman Sires announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide funding for approximately \$35 million in grants through the FY 2009 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program. Fire departments and national, regional, state, and local organizations are eligible to apply. Tribal organizations, nonprofit organization, and Housing Authorities are also eligible.

The FP&S Program is a component of the Department's Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG), whose purpose is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. FP&S grants fund efforts to mitigate incidences of deaths and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards, with special attention paid to high-risk target groups such as children, adults over 65, and firefighters. In addition, these grants providing support to Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activities. These funds are available to organizations such as universities and public health institutions, but fire departments are not eligible for this type of funding.

The application period for this program will open Monday, September 21, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. EDT and will close on October 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. For further information regarding the FP&S Program, as well as application materials, please visit [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com) .

For further information on the grant program, please contact the FP&S Grants Home at 1-800-274-0960 or by email at [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov) .